

# The Life Giver

## John 11:1-53

### Introduction

Throughout his gospel, John presents Jesus as the giver of life. In Chapter 1 verse 4, he writes, "In him (in Jesus) was life; His life was the light of men." The life John is talking about is Eternal Life. Eternal Life is the life that God created every person to contain. Eternal Life is what connects us to God in relationship. How do you get this Eternal Life? It only comes through Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus prayed to the Father for His \_\_\_\_\_, "that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:3)
2. Jesus offers this Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ to Nicodemus, the religious leader who seemed to have it all. (John 3:16)
3. To the woman at the well in northern West Bank city of Sychar, Jesus said, "the water that I give will become a fountain of water springing up into \_\_\_\_\_ life." (John 4:13-14)
4. Jesus offered this same life to the \_\_\_\_\_ after he fed them in John 6:35.
5. It is the life he offered worshippers at the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_ in Chapter 7:37-38.
6. It is the life He offered to the man born \_\_\_\_\_ in John 8:12.
7. And it is the life he offered those who wanted to be a part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in John 10.
8. But the most exceptional offer of all comes to a \_\_\_\_\_ man in John Chapter 11.

## **I. The Reality of Death**

9. One reason we don't like to think about death is that we all know someday we are going to \_\_\_\_\_!
10. Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that he was \_\_\_\_\_, He stayed two more days in the place where He was." (John 11:1-6)
11. Jesus waited so that when He raised Lazarus from the dead, it would be an indisputable \_\_\_\_\_.
12. It seems the disciples' \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus in verse 8 is related to their concern for their own safety.

## **II. The Promise of New Life**

13. Jesus said to Martha, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the \_\_\_\_\_ at the last day." (John 11:17-24)
14. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the \_\_\_\_\_." (John 11:25-26)
15. Martha believed Jesus had the authority to heal sickness, but could He really have power over \_\_\_\_\_!
16. Jesus doesn't promise that believing in him will prevent \_\_\_\_\_ death.
17. Christians who die, transition into the direct presence of \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 5:8)
18. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal life. (John 5:24)

19. Jesus offers the promise of Eternal Life as a \_\_\_\_\_ and makes it available to everyone who repents of their sins.

### III. Receiving Eternal Life

20. But there is a condition! Jesus asks Martha, "Do you \_\_\_\_\_ this?"

21. Jesus validates his claim to have authority over death by raising \_\_\_\_\_.

22. John is an \_\_\_\_\_, and he records Jesus' reaction to all of this.

23. John describes two distinct emotions. First, he says that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ with sadness.

God created Adam and Eve as personal, spiritual beings designed to live forever. But Adam and Eve disobeyed God, making them the first sinners. Death is the horrible and unnatural result of our sin against God.

24. Jesus also expressed another, very different emotion. In verse 33, it says He was "deeply moved in \_\_\_\_\_."

25. Jesus not only empathizes with our condition. He is also \_\_\_\_\_ by it, and has the power to do something about it!

26. Before Jesus performs the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead, He \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father.

Jesus wants the crowd to believe in Him and recognize that God the Father has sent Him. In John 5:24, Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting

life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." (John 5:24)

## Conclusion

27. Verse 45 says, "Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, \_\_\_\_\_ in Him." (John 11:45)

28. Verse 46 says, " But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. (John 11:46 NKJV) Others who saw the same miracle ran off to tell his \_\_\_\_\_!

29. It is not true that enough \_\_\_\_\_ will make you believe. Saving faith is not caused by miracles.

Saving faith is a choice we make. When we choose to humble ourselves before God, it causes us to admit that we are sinners and have lost our way when it comes to faith in God! It is a choice only you can make!

Answers:

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| 1. Followers     | 17. God         |
| 2. Life          | 18. Source      |
| 3. Everlasting   | 19. Gift        |
| 4. Multitude     | 20. Believe     |
| 5. Booths        | 21. Lazarus     |
| 6. Blind         | 22. Eye-witness |
| 7. Flock         | 23. Wept        |
| 8. Dead          | 24. Spirit      |
| 9. Die           | 25. Outraged    |
| 10. Sick         | 26. Prays       |
| 11. Miracle      | 27. Believed    |
| 12. Concern      | 28. Enemies     |
| 13. Resurrection | 29. Miracles    |
| 14. Life         |                 |
| 15. Death        |                 |
| 16. Physical     |                 |